THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. CGHS dispensary is already functioning in a private rented building in Ashok Vihar itself and extending medical facilities to the beneficiaries covered under the dispensary.

(b) Construction of the CGHS dispensary building depends upon availability of resources and completion of the required administrative formalities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.

Non-scientific basis of Ayurveda

3978. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the House of Commons in UK has recently declared that Ayurveda has no scientific basis;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether other oriental medicines like Chinese, Tibetan, Unani etc., enjoy universal recognition; and

(d) if so, whether Government would launch a concerted campaign for propagation of Ayurveda, Yoga, etc. on scientific basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) A Sub-Committee of the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology described Ayurveda as a System having no scientific basis.

(b) The Government provided literature and scientific evidence to the Sub-Committee of House of Lords to substantiate that Ayurvedic system is a scientific system. A delegation of scientists and researchers was deputed which made a presentation before the Sub-Committee in United

Kingdom of the trials conducted on scientific parameters for Ayurvedic drugs for their efficacy and safety.

(c) As per information available, these systems are not universally recognised.

(d) Government has already taken steps to propagate Ayurveda, Yoga etc. in foreign countries by deputing experts on Ayurveda and Yoga to attend the International events. Care would be taken to emphasise the scientific evidence of these systems in addition to therapeutics.

Financial assistance for implementing National Cancer Control Programme

3979. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance extended to the State Governments/ registered Societies/Charitable Institutions for implementing National Cancer Control Programme during last three years;

(b) the various schemes which are being launched to control cancer; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The financial assistance provided to State Governments/Registered Societies/ Charitable Institutions under various schemes of National Cancer Control Programme are given at Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The details are given at Statement-II.